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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: STARTING CLUTCH AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE SAME

PRÈLIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 3, 8, 9, 17, 26, 35, 39, 49, 61, 69 and 72 as set forth below.

- 3. (Amended) A starting clutch according to claim 1,
- 2 wherein the lock mechanism for locking the reactive force from
 - 3 said inner portion comprises a one-way clutch.